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Viewing cable 96STATE183372,

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Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cable's unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#96STATE183372**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
96STATE183372	1996-09-04 23:28	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Secretary of State

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.aftenposten.no/spesial/wikileaksdokumenter/article4002923.ece>

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P 042328Z SEP 96
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
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AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
AMEMBASSY ANKARA
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AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY ROME
AMEMBASSY DUSHANBE
AMEMBASSY TASHKENT
AMEMBASSY ASHGABAT
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMEMBASSY RIYADH
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI
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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 183372

E.O. 12958: DECL: 09/03/06 TAGS: [PTER](#) [PREL](#) [SA](#) [AF](#)

ROME FOR STORELLA, LONDON FOR TUELLER, PARIS FOR RAVELING, NAIROBI FOR AMB. CARNEY

[1](#)1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY LEE O. COLDREN, DIRECTOR, SA/PAB, DEPARTMENT OF STATE. REASON: 1.5(D).

[1](#)2. (C) SUMMARY: OSAMA BIN LADEN ASKED THE NANGARHAR SHURA FOR PERMISSION TO REMAIN IN THE EASTERN PROVINCES OF AFGHANISTAN, ACCORDING TO XXXXX

[1](#)3. (C) XXXXXXXXXXXX OFFICIALS IN THE NANGARHAR SHURA OPPOSED TERRORISM AND THE USE OF AFGHAN TERRITORY FOR PURPOSES OF TERRORISM. AS AN ILLUST

[1](#)4. (C) WHEN ASKED ABOUT REPORTS THAT OSAMA BIN LADEN HAD MOVED TO AFGHANISTAN, COMMANDER XXXXXXXXXXXX CONFIRMED BIN LADENS PRESENCE. XXXXXXXXXXXX

[1](#)5. (C) WHEN ASKED ABOUT BIN LADENS ARAB FOLLOWERS, XXXXXXXXXXXX SAID THAT THEY WERE NOT IN NANGARHAR, BUT IN SAROBI (HEKMATYARS STRONGHOLD). F

[1](#)6. (C) BIO NOTE: COMMANDER XXXXXXXXXXXX IS A RESPECTED TRIBAL LEADER AND MEMBER OF XXXXXXXXXXXX COUNCIL. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF XXXXXXXXXXXX F
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